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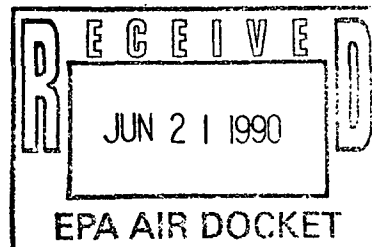
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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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June 7, 1990

Mr. William K. Reilly  
Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
401 M Street, S.W.  
West 1200  
Washington, D.C. 20460



Dear Mr. Reilly:

I am writing on behalf of Ethyl Corporation which filed a request for waiver from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on May 9, to permit the use of its HiTEC 3000 fuel additive in unleaded gasoline. It appears that the potential environmental results of this additive are consistent with the legislative goals we are pursuing through the Clean Air Act reauthorization effort, and therefore, I am interested in the prompt consideration of this waiver petition.

The Ethyl Corporation conducted an extensive two-year test of this additive to determine its effect on automotive fuel components. Their test design was based on EPA's advice and the test fleet's composition was based on the recommendations of the U.S. automobile industry. The results of this test indicate that use of HiTEC 3000 would reduce carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxide tailpipe emissions by enabling refineries to decrease the aromatic content of gasoline. This additive can increase octane of gasoline by approximately one octane number at one-third the cost of the aromatics currently used as octane enhancers in gasoline and it will save more crude oil than is purchased annually for the strategic petroleum reserve. Because HiTEC 3000 is compatible with methanol, ethanol and oxygenate blends, its use could be important in reformulating gasoline at much lower costs than today's estimates.

As EPA is required by Section 211 of the Clean Air Act to take action to grant or deny a petition within 180 days from the date a fuel additive petition is filed, I respectfully request your prompt review of Ethyl Corporation's petition.

Sincerely,

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